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I must say, I have been tremendously disappointed by the Microsoft anti-trust settlement. I don't pretend to admit that I have the legal knowledge to propose what should be done in this case, but I think any professional in the IT industry that is not directly affiliated with Microsoft (or in their pockets) knows that the giant in Redmond is as much of a monopoly as the world has today. It devours other companies, crushes competition, envelops the industry, represses innovation and is putting us in the position where we all have to neatly line up and use their mediocre products or be "left in the dark". They have ingrained themselves in so many aspects of the industry that these days you would be hard pressed not to have many of their products on your machine..and if you are one of those who actually manage that, you are constantly "swimming upstream" and wrestling to be able to function in the Computer Society. One company should not have that sway and domination....especially not one who is known to turn out substandard, vulnerable and unreliable products. If Microsoft had achieved their market dominance through superior software, superior support and superior service, I would hold them in high regard. I know...and I'm sure you know....this is not the case.

Thus, much like I have heard from others, I view the settlement as more of an endorsement of their practices than anything else.....and I consider it a travesty. I'm sure deciding what should be done in the case is an incredibly difficult issue and I don't pretend to have the answer. I just know what is proposed is NOT it.

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